

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Fred V. Steece has worked tirelessly for the state of South Dakota for 60 years, and is now retiring. In 1951 Fred started as a part-time/seasonal employee, becoming full time in 1957 as a geologist with the Geological Survey in Vermillion, and in 1968 he became the Oil and Gas Supervisor with Oil and Gas section of what is now the Department of Environment and Natural Resources; and,

Whereas, Fred's only significant break in service to South Dakota was during his time in the military, in service to our country; and,

Whereas, Fred has worked for the state, including part-time employment, longer than there has been oil production in South Dakota. Fred's dedication to the development of oil and gas has contributed to the ability of industry to produce 48 million barrels of oil, and 234 billion cubic feet of gas from 1968 through 2010, safely and in accordance with regulations; and,

Whereas, Fred has been an Adjunct Faculty at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, served as the South Dakota representative on the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, received the E.W. Marland Outstanding State Regulator award, and named the J. Paul Gries Geologist of the year in 2007; and,

Whereas, Fred has met with nearly every water witcher and oil witcher in the region over the last 54 years, and still has maps given to him by oil witchers showing where to find oil in South Dakota; and,

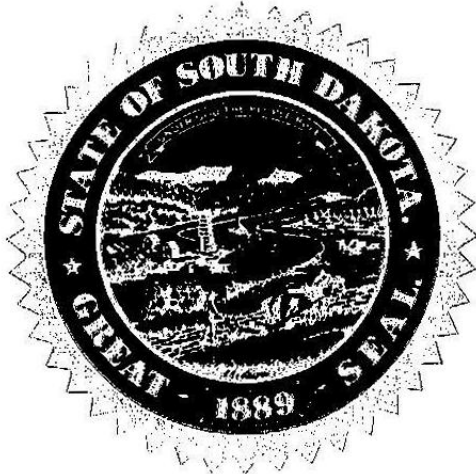
Whereas, Fred's extensive knowledge of the geology and natural resources of the state is an invaluable asset to his fellow employees, and to the citizens of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Fred's family friends, colleagues, and industry partners will gather on May 20, 2011, to honor and thank him for his dedication and commitment to an extremely successful career:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2011, as

FRED STEECE DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Judy A. Larson, Exec. Asst.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State